

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous claims, and listings of claims, in the application.

1. (Currently amended): A steering apparatus comprising:
a steering drive shaft capable of moving in an axial direction in response to a steering operation;
a housing accommodating the steering drive shaft and having a tube part extending in a long axis direction of the steering drive shaft; and
a bracket having a fitting hole into which said tube part is fitted in a co-axial direction of the tube part and configured to attach said housing to a car body, and wherein
said bracket has a recess in said fitting hole, and
said tube part has ~~an~~ at least one escape preventing protrusion bent into said recess and extending in a radial direction of the tube part, for preventing said bracket from escaping.
2. (Original): The steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recess is a circular groove.
3. (Previously presented): The steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tube part is metal.
4. (Canceled).
5. (Previously presented): The steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recess includes a circumferential groove.

6. (New): The steering apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the at least one escape preventing protrusion includes a plurality of escape
preventing protrusions.